

# thelittleloop care guide

Looking after your children's clothes can be a breeze with a few simple tips. We'd love it if you would follow our easy care guide.

We promise that it will simplify your life. AND, by keeping your thelittleloop clothes in the best possible condition, you'll help them last even longer, hugely reducing their environmental impact.

Plus, use it on all your children's clothes to save you money replacing stained or damaged items and ensure you can sell them on after you're done with them.

**Please note you MUST follow the care guidance on the clothing label to avoid being charged for any damage caused by laundering.**

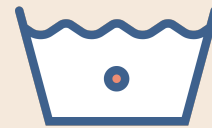
## Laundry Guide

### 1. Separate colours and cold rinse first:

Separate out light & dark colours to prevent colour run.

Always run a short cold prewash / rinse cycle before the main wash to dislodge dirt & stains - no detergent needed.

This stops the heat of the main wash setting in stains.



### 2. Use a 40' cottons cycle:

40° is gentle on clothes yet hot enough to remove stains & kill most germs. (After sickness use 60°).

Water is essential for proper cleaning. A long cottons cycle uses enough water to remove stains.

**Please check care labels in garments** as some delicate

### 3. Use our recommended detergents:

We love detergents which remove stains AND protect clothes.

Adjust amounts for water hardness and soiling (kids clothes = heavy soiling) to get the best clean. 3cm suds mid-cycle means you've got the right amount



### 4. Reshape when wet and dry in daylight:

Gently stretch wet clothes back into shape, untwisting seams & flattening appliques.

Hang to dry in daylight - in a window or outside - to fade any stains left after the wash (see stain guide below).

If possible don't tumble dry - it damages clothing fibres, causes bobbling and changes the shape of clothes.

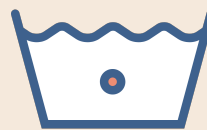
## Stain Removal Guide

### Cold rinse stains asap:

Rinse stains with cold water as soon as possible to dislodge them. Rinse from behind to push the stain back the way it came, not deeper into the fabric.

Use a cold rinse cycle on your washing machine to further loosen stains before the main wash (see overleaf).

**ALL STAINS, ESPECIALLY PROTEINS e.g. BLOOD/VOMIT**



### Baking powder & washing up liquid for greasy stains:

Sprinkle baking powder on the stain, leave for 5-10mins to absorb the stain, then scrape off. Rinse in cold water (from behind) then add washing-up liquid.

Gently scrub into the stain with a soft toothbrush, leave for 5 more mins & rinse. Repeat until the stain has gone before washing on a normal cycle.

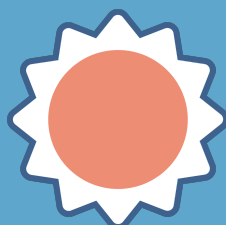
**PASTA SAUCE. BIKE OIL. BUTTER. PIZZA. CHOCOLATE.**

### Avoid setting stains permanently:

Avoid using a tumble dryer...the heat will set stains permanently into the fabric.

The same goes for hot water: until most of the stain is removed keep washing / rinsing cold

**ALL STAINS**



### Use solar power:

UV light (bright sunshine is best, daylight is fine) bleaches stains and breaks down pigmented molecules.

After every wash hang stained clothes to dry in a window or on the washing line to let stains fade.

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*thelittleloop accepts no responsibility for any damage caused to clothing while in your possession. You must take all reasonable precautions to prevent stains occurring, i.e. bibs on younger children. No guarantees are given that any stain will be removed completely when following these guides.*

**Always read and follow the cleaning and care instructions on the clothing.**

## Recommended Detergents

Detergents come in many different varieties. Their ingredients and formulation are designed for different uses. And some just aren't upto much! That's why we've pulled out a few which we recommend specifically for children's clothes because they balance stain removal (especially kid generated stains!) with anti-fade properties and have been expert approved.

n.b. never use bio detergent on delicate, natural fabrics like wool, bamboo or silk as the enzymes it contains will damage the fibres

### Lidl Formil Bio Washing Powder

#### Pros

The best powder for grease stains.  
Brilliant at removing almost every stain.  
Very good on whites.  
Superb value.

#### Cons

Some colour fade.



### Ecover Bio Washing Powder

#### Pros

Naturally derived Ingredients.  
Great with food and drink stains.  
Prevents most colour fade.

#### Cons

Poor at preventing whites from greying.  
Expensive.



### Ariel Original Bio Washing Liquid

#### Pros

Good at removing many different types of stains especially food, mud and grass  
No colour fading  
Keeps whites white.

#### Cons

Quite expensive.



### Aldi Almat Bio Super Concentrated Laundry Liquid

#### Pros

Great for everyday stains like mud food and grease.  
Won't fade colours.  
Keeps whites white.  
Excellent value.

#### Cons

Not great with drink stains like tea.

